

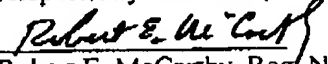
REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 10-23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. As indicated in the Advisory Action, claims 1-9 are allowable. Claims 2-9 have been rewritten to put the claims in proper US format and not for any reason related to patentability.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner has any remaining issue(s), he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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